GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:693
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2003
FOREIGN VISITS BY DEFENCE MINISTER
PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the Defence Minister has gone abroad during the last three years till date along withthe names of countries and the Defence Ministry`s personnel accompanying him in respective trips; and

(b) the purpose of visits, discussion held and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE : (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) and (b) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.693 ANSWER ON 24.07.2003

Details of visits abroad undertaken by Defence Minister for the period from 01.07.2000 to 15.07.2003

Sl.No.	Name of Defence Minister	Names of countries/ Year & Period of visit	Details of Defence Ministry`s personnel accompanying him in respective trips	Purpose of visit	Discussions held and outcome
1.	George Fernandes	Sierra Leone 20-21 July,2000	1. Maj. Gen J.J.Singh, Asst. Director General Military Operations 2. Maj. Gen R.S.Nagra, Asst. Director General Staff Duties 3. AVM N. Menon, Assistant Chief of Air Staff 4. Rajiv Guaba, Private Secretary to Minister 5. Col. Rajiv Bhalla, Director Military Operations	Official visit	Met Indian contingent in UNAMSIL and discussed various aspects of their operations.
2.	George Fernandes	Mauritius & South Africa 25-28 Sept.,2000	1. T.R.Prasad, Defence Secy. 2. Dr.M.Natarajan, Chief Controller of Research & Development, DRDO 3. Dhirendra Singh, Additional Secretary 4. Lt.Gen S.S.Mehta, Deputy Chief of Army Staff 5.VADM Harinder Singh, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff 6. A.P.Sharma, Joint Secretary 7. Rajiv Guaba, Private Secretary to Minister	Official visit	Held discussion on bilateral defence cooperation. The visit helped to strengthen defence cooperation between the two countries.
3.	George Fernandes	Maldives 9-12 Jan., 2001	1. Ajay Prasad, Add. Secretary 2. RADM S.V.Gopalachari, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff 3. AVM N.Menon, Assistant Chief of Air Staff 4. B.A.Roy, Joint Secretary 5. Rameshwar Singh, Inspector General, Coast Guard 6. Maj.Gen.A.K.Sarvate,Director General Military Training 7. Rajiv Guaba, Private	Official visit	Discussions held on Defence cooperation. The visit helped to strengthen defence cooperation between the two countries.

	Secretary to Minister		
4. Jaswant Singh	USA 5-7 April, 2001	VADM Madanjit Singh, Director General Defence Planning Staff	Official Bilateral discussion on visit defence cooperation.
5. Jaswant Singh	Russia 2-6 June, 2001	1. Yogendra Narain, Defence Secretary 2. Subir Dutta, Secretary (Defence Production) 3. P.R.Sivasubramanian,Secretary (Defence Finance) 4. Lt.Gen.A.S.Khanna, Deputy Chief of Army Staff 5. Air Mshl T.M. Asthana, Deputy Chief of Air Staff 6. Dr.C.G.Krishnadas Nair, Chairman, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited 7. Ranjit Issar, Joint Secretary 8. A.P.Sharma, Joint Secretary 9. K.P.Singh, Joint Secretary 10. B.A.Roy, Joint Secretary 11. R.Chandrashekhar, Jt.Secretary 12. Karnail singh, Joint Secretary 13. P.K.Mishra, Joint Secretary 14. Ms.Dipali Khanna, Additional Finance Adviser 15. Abhijit Basu, Additional Finance Adviser 16. N.R.Mohanty, managing Director (MiG complex), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited 17. Dr. A.S.Pillai, Chief Controller of Research & Development Organisation 18. RAdm SCS Bangara, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff 19. RAdm S.V.Gopalachari, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff 20. Cmde H.S.Kang, Chairman & Managing Director, Mazgaon Dock Limited 21. RAdm R.Parlikar, Chairman & Managing Director, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers 22. Dr. R.N.Aggarwal, Director, Defence Research & Development Organisation 23. R.Ramanathan, Financial Adviser, Defence Research & Development Organisation	Official Bilateral discussion on visit defence cooperation.
6. Jaswant Singh	Australia and New Zealand 17-27 June, 2001	1. Falguni Rajkumar, Joint Secretary 2. Lt.Gen.B.M.Kapur, Director General Defence Planning Staff	Official Bilateral discussion on visit defence cooperation.
7. Jaswant Singh	France, USA and Germany 28 Sept. to 4 Oct., 2001	S.Ashok, Additional Secretary to Minister	Private Official Bilateral discussion on visit defence cooperation in France and Germany and to attend UN General Assembly meeting in USA.
8. George Fernandes	USA 17 - 21 Jan., 2002	1. Yogendra Narain, Defence Secretary 2. Dhirendra Singh, Additional Secretary (Defence Production) 3. Ajay Prasad, Additional Secy. 4. VAdm S.V.Gopalachari,	Official Held discussion on visit bilateral defence cooperation. The visit helped to strengthen defence cooperation between the two countries.

		Assistant Chief of Naval Staff 5. B.A.Roy, Joint Secretary 6. Maj.Gen.S.C.Chopra, OSD (Implementation Cell) 7. C.K.Mishra, Private Secretary to Minister		
9. George Fernandes	Russia	1. Ajay Prasad, Add. Secretary 2. Dhirendra Singh, Additional Secretary 3. VAdm S.V.Gopalachari, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff 4. AVM P.K.Desai, Assistant Chief of Air Staff 5. Maj.Gen.C.S.Brar, Assistant Director General Weapons & Equipment 6. C.K.Mishra, Private Secretary to Minister	Official Bilateral discussion on visit 10 - 13 Apr.,2002 visicit helped to strengthen defence cooperation between the two countries.	
10. George Fernandes	Tajikistan	1. Yogendra Narain, Defence Secretary 2. M.Kumaraswami, Secretary (Finance), Defence 3. Somi Tandon, Add.Secretary 4. B.A.Roy, Joint Secretary 5. S.R.Ahmed, Under Secretary 6. S.Ashok, Additional Private Secretary to Minister 7. Air Mshl S.G.Inamdar, Vice Chief of Air Staff 8. AVM S.K. Jain, Assistant Chief of Air Staff 9. Col.K.A. Muthanna, Director (Foreign Training), Army Headquarters	Official visit 25 - 26 April, 2002	
11. George Fernandes	Singapore	1. Ajay Prasad, Add. Secretary 2. Lt.Gen K.Davar, Director General Defence Intelligence Agency 3. RAdm V.Shankar, Assistant Controller of Warship Production & Acquisition 4. C.K.Mishra, Private Secretary to Minister 5. Arvind Mehta, Director 6. Cmde C.Uday Bhaskar, Deputy Director, Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis	Official visit 3 May - 3 June,2002	Participated in the First Asia Security Conference. Discussed defence and security issues with defence ministers of Asia Pacific countries.
12. George Fernandes	Japan	1. Subir Dutta, Defence Secry. 2. Air Vice Marshal Mohan Dikshit, Assistant Chief of Integrated Defence Staff 3. Maj.Gen R.K.Kaushal, Chief of Staff 10 Coprs 4. P.Paleri, Deputy Director General (Coast Guard) 5. C.K.Mishra, Private Secretary to Minister	Official visit - 10 July, 2002	Discussions held on Defence cooperation. The visit helped to strengthen defence cooperation between the two countries.
13. George Fernandes	Switzerland	S.Ashok, Additional Private Secretary to Minister	Official visit 28-31 Augt.,2001	Attended International Conference on Federalism 2002 at St Gallen.
14. George Fernandes	Italy	1. Ajay Prasad, Add. Secretary 2. Maj.Gen Mohinder Puri, Assistant Director General (Tac C-31) 3. RAdm A.K.Singh, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff 4. AVM D.E.Jonas, Commandant,	Official visit 18-22 Sept.,2002	To discuss bilateral defence cooperation. The visit helped to strengthen defence cooperation between the two countries.

		CAW, Secunderabad 5. C.K.Mishra, Private Secretary to Minister		
15. George Fernandes	Oman	1. Subir Dutta, Defence Secry. 2. Air Cmde V.S.Kapani, Director, Integrated Defence Staff 3. C.K.Mishra, Private Secretary to Minister	6-7 Oct., 2002	Official visit helped to strengthen defence cooperation between the two countries. To discuss bilateral defence cooperation. The
16. George Fernandes	Russia	1. Subir Dutta, Defence Secry. 2. N.S.Sisodia, Secretary (Defence Production) 3. Dhirendra Singh, Special Secretary (Acquisition) 4. R.N.Das, Financial Adviser (Acquisition) 5. Ms.Somi Tandon, Additional Secretary 6. Dr.A.S.Pillai, Chief Controller of Research & Development 7. Lt.Gen A.S.Chaki, Deputy Chief of Army Staff 8. N.R.Mohanty, Chairman (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited) 9. Air Mshl Raghu Rajan, Deputy Chief of Air Staff 10 VAdm Parvesh Jaitley, Controller of Warship Production & Acquisition 11 Ranjit Issar, Joint Secretary 12 P.K.Mishra, Joint Secretary 13 R.P.Singh, Joint Secretary 14 Anil Wadhwa, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs 15 C.R.Mohapatra, Joint Secretary 16 Gautam Mukhopadhaya,Joint Secretary 17 AVM S.S.Lahiri, Assistant Chief of Air Staff 18 RAdm Ajit Tewari, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff 19 Saurabh Kumar, Director 20 C.K.Mishra, Private Secretary to Minister	14-19 January, 2003	Co-Chaired the meeting of India-Russia Inter Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation. The visit helped to strengthen defence cooperation between the two countries.
17. George Fernandes	Uzbekistan	1. Subir Dutta, Defence Secry. 2. Air Mshl V.McMohan, Vice Chief of Air Staff 3. Gautam Mukhopadhaya,Joint Secretary 4. AVM P.P.Rajkumar, Assistant Chief of Air Staff 5. C.K.Mishra, Private Secretary to Minister 6. Air Cmde I.B.Bhasin, Director (Engineering)	27 Feb. - 2 Mar.2003	Official visit helped to strengthen defence cooperation between the two countries. Discussions held on Defence cooperation. The visit
18. George Fernandes	Peoples Republic of China	1. Subir Dutta, Defence Secry. 2. N.S.Sisodia, Secretary (Defence Production) 3. Lt.Gen Shantonu Chaudhry, Vice Chief of Army Staff 4. Pratyush Sinha, Additional Secretary 5. Air Mshl Raghurajan, Deputy Chief of Air Staff 6. Arvind Joshi, Joint Secretary 7. Gautam Mukhopadhaya, Joint Secretary 8. RAdm Ajit Tewari, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff 9. Cmde C.Uday Bhaskar, Deputy Director, Institute of Defence Studies & Analysis	20-27 April, 2003	Official visit helped to strengthen defence and bilateral cooperation between the two countries. Discussions held on Defence cooperation. The visit

		10 C.K.Mishra, Private Secretary to Minister 11 S.R.Ahmed, Protocol Consultant		
19. George Fernandes	Singapore 30 May - 1 June, 2003	1. Subir Dutta, Defence Secry. 2. Gautam Mukhopadhaya, Joint Secretary 3. C.K.Mishra, Private Secretary to Minister 4. Cmde C.Uday Bhaskar, Deputy Director, Institute of Defence Studies & Analysis	Official visit	Participated in the Second Asia Security Conference. Discussed defence and security issues with defence ministers of Asia Pacific countries.
20. George Fernandes	Brazil 5-11 July, 2003	1. Lt.Gen.J.B.S.Yadav, Deputy Chief of Army Staff 2. Gautam Mukhopadhaya, Joint Secretary 3. C.K.Mishra, Private Secy, to Minister 4. Air Commodore Anil Chopra, Commandant ASTE, Bangalore.	Official visit	To discuss bilateral defence cooperation. The visit helped to strengthen defence cooperation between the two countries.